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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: SUBSTITUTED ACID DERIVATIVES USEFUL AS ANTIDIABETIC

AND ANTIOBESITY AGENTS AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 4, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 4, 2004. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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